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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
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The Honorable Susan Collins
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chair Cochran, Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Collins:

As the Subcommittee prepares to consider the fiscal year 2010 appropriations bill for Financial Services and General Government, I respectfully request your consideration of the following projects important to New Mexico's development. Federal assistance is critical to helping New Mexico's local government and community groups meet the needs of our state. Your consideration of these projects, listed in alphabetical order, is very much appreciated.

Adelante Service Expansion in Sandoval County (Albuquerque, NM) -- I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for Adelante Development Center to expand services to persons with disabilities living in Sandoval County. Over the past 30 years, Adelante has helped individuals with disabilities to live independently and have an income through school-to-work transition programs, supported employment and affirmative businesses. This project is important to taxpayers because these funds will launch the Adelante Document Imaging service, an affirmative business that provides comprehensive document scanning services to customers while providing employment for people with disabilities. Adelante continues to demonstrate its responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars with over 20 years of successful affirmative business operation and its ISO 9001:2000 certification.

Center for Applied Science Engineering (CASE) Facility (Santa Fe, NM) -- I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for the CASE program to acquire a site, design and construct a facility to house private and public sector research. The research at this facility will seek new solutions to energy and climate challenges. Additional research is also conducted in the fields of healthcare, water resources, the economy and education. Specifically these dollars will be used for construction and the purchase of equipment and furnishings. This project is important to taxpayers because of its job creation potential and research implications.

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Española Business Incubator (Española, NM) -- I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for the City of Española to build a business incubator facility that will support start-up businesses across the Española Valley. The construction of a business incubator will not only foster entrepreneurship but also help develop a skilled workforce. Specifically these dollars will be used for the design and construction of the incubator facility. This project is important to taxpayers because it promotes job creation and long-term economic development for the Española Valley.

Ilfeld Warehouse Business Incubator (Santa Rosa, New Mexico) – I respectfully request \$1,300,000 for the Ilfeld Warehouse Business Incubator program to build a facility that will anchor the Downtown Central Business District. The warehouse will house specialty businesses. The project will assist public and private partnership business start-ups and encourage new businesses such as an art gallery and antique shop, a Route 66 era museum, a farmers market and a brew pub. Specifically these dollars will be used for: site acquisition and restoration; electrical, heating, cooling and plumbing installation; landscaping and signage; and furniture and fixtures. This project is important to taxpayers because it promotes historic preservation and fosters entrepreneurship.

Isleta Basalt Project (Pueblo of Isleta, NM) – I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for the Pueblo of Isleta to purchase equipment necessary for the development of their construction aggregate materials small business. The business involves drilling, crushing and screening basalt materials from tribal land for use in the greater Albuquerque construction industry. Specifically these dollars will be used to purchase equipment, including: two feeders, a rock drill, two front end loaders, conveyor belts, a dozer, three crushers, and a tractor. This project is important to taxpayers because it supports business development and job creation.

New Mexico State University Arrowhead Center (Las Cruces, NM) – I respectfully request \$2,500,000 for the NMSU Arrowhead Center to expand their small business incubator programs. The requested funds will support local companies in the areas of management, human resources, financing, accounting, marketing, entrepreneurial education, training and networking and technology development. The incubator will focus on innovation clusters in the fields of national security, digital media, aerospace, bio-science, and alternative energy. With its demonstrated history of success, this project is important to taxpayers because will increase business, job, and financial opportunities.

Northern New Mexico Wood Business Park (Las Vegas, NM) – I respectfully request \$1,904,120 for San Miguel County to complete extensive improvements to Northern New Mexico Wood Business Park including upgrades to fire protection lines, drainage, liquid waste disposal and completion of an existing railroad spur. This project is important to taxpayers because it encourages entrepreneurship in the community, saves and creates a significant number of new jobs and develops the wood-related industry. These funds will be used solely for construction. Additionally the project will reduce the threat of wild land fires.

Pueblo of Pojoaque Technology Upgrade (Pueblo of Pojoaque, NM) -- I respectfully request \$1,216,000 for the Pueblo of Pojoaque Technology Upgrade which will replace outdated computers and servers that hamper the Pueblo's daily operations. The current equipment in use at the Pueblo of Pojoaque periodically crashes causing dependant departments, including payroll

and email, to halt operations. This project is important to taxpayers because funding for this project will directly support the implementation of the Pueblo's economic development plan by providing the infrastructure necessary for: the best and fullest utilization of the tribes natural resources; the creation of an economic base that provides education and training for productive and satisfying employment for tribal members; and the development of economic and natural resources to promote economic self-sufficiency for the Pojoaque people. Specifically these dollars will be used to: purchase computers, printers, network hardware, software, installation and service; develop a voice over internet protocol (VOIP) telephone system; create a wireless network and train staff on these new technologies.

Quality New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM) -- I respectfully request \$1,190,000 for Quality New Mexico to bring Baldrige performance excellence standards to New Mexico through a wide range of assessments, workshops and award programs. As American businesses struggle to remain competitive, Quality New Mexico can help improve business productivity by as much as 400 percent and operational performance by as much as 200 percent. This project is important to taxpayers because these funds will allow an additional 1,475 business and organizations to participate in Quality New Mexico programs. Funds for this project will support: 120 workshops statewide; small business/organization stipends to participate in formal assessments; registration fees for a statewide conference; and 200 statewide presentations, with take away materials, to learn more about how Baldrige performance excellence standards can improve their performance.

Renovation of Burke Junior High School (Jal, NM) – I respectfully request \$500,000 for the City of Jal to renovate the old Burke Junior High School building for the creation of much needed office space. The renovation includes the replacement of the roof, windows, doors, plumbing and electrical systems. The renovated building will increase office space and encourage private investment. A new Louisiana Energy Services (LES) processing facility is expected to create 90 full-time jobs initially and an additional 210 jobs will be added later. The LES operations and other associated industries will require office space which is currently not available This project is important to taxpayers because it fosters business development and job creation.

Santa Fe County Media District Broadband (Santa Fe, NM) – I respectfully request \$2,596,520 for the County of Santa Fe to create a long-haul fiber broadband infrastructure for the Media District. This broadband infrastructure will improve the greater County connectivity and improve access for regional public and private institutions such as the City of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe Community College. Specifically these dollars will be used for: construction; initial ethernet charges; equipment; a POOP/Co-location facility; a microwave redundant system and project management. This project is important to taxpayers because it helps provide the infrastructure necessary for regional economic development.

Spaceport America Telecommunications Infrastructure (Truth or Consequences, NM) – I respectfully request \$1,000,000 for the State of New Mexico to develop a fiber-optic communications framework within the Spaceport America site. Spaceport America is posed to advance the future of private space travel industry. The spaceport will be the catalyst for a wide cross-section of jobs in engineering, training, research, education, and tourism. The spaceport

will also be a leader in developing the commercial space industry. Specifically these dollars will be used to develop a modern telecommunications infrastructure, including high-speed voice and data networks. This project is important to taxpayers because it supports the development of this emerging industry.

Valencia County Information Technology Data Conversion (Los Lunas, NM) -- I respectfully request \$1,200,000 for Valencia County to overhaul its technology and communications infrastructure. The project will improve county communication with, and services to, residents and employees. The current system is antiquated and beyond repair, requiring constant service by the vendor. This project is important to taxpayers because Valencia County's outdated communications limit the quality of services its constituents receive. Specifically these dollars will be used to: purchase a fully integrated software package that will serve all county departments; buy equipment; and provide training.

Additionally, as required by Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested from the Senate Committee on Appropriations, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

While I recognize you are operating under very tight constraints, I hope you will consider the needs of my constituents in this year's Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall
United States Senator

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